

# THE MONITOR

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## North Omaha Bandit and Partner Caught

Quiet Hunt by Police Chauffeur Buford Lands Two in Jail.

COMPLIMENTED BY OFFICERS

Leaps from Moving Train to Catch Second Man Seen in Passing.

Because of the untiring efforts and quick wit of Police Officer Harry Buford, not only has Ben Williams, Negro bandit who recently terrorized Omaha storekeepers by almost nightly holdups, been arrested in St. Joseph and brought back to Omaha, but his accomplice in various robberies, a man named Baxter, is also in the toils. Both men were landed in the Omaha jail Tuesday night.

Following the depredations of the fellow, extending over a period of about three weeks during the past month, when the local police seemed unable to catch up with the bold bandit, although they knew his identity and were hot on his trail, Buford started a quiet quest on his own account, while acting in his regular capacity as chauffeur at the central police station. As a result of his labors, Williams, after fleeing the city when the pursuit became too hot for him, was located in St. Joseph and arrested there on description furnished by the local authorities.

Buford, on account of his excellent work in locating the man, was detailed to go and bring him back, and left St. Joseph, together with Officer Gibson, in charge of the prisoner. As the train on which they were passengers was passing through Bigelow, Mo., Williams suddenly exclaimed, "There's Baxter on the platform. He was my partner in Omaha."

Without a moment's hesitation, Buford pulled the train cord, causing the train to be slowed down. He hastily directed Gibson to proceed to Omaha with Williams, and himself sprang from the train and rushed back to catch Baxter. Before he could get back to the station, however, Baxter had leaped aboard a passing freight train and was on his way south.

Buford promptly commandeered an automobile, and after a mad race succeeded in beating the freight into Oregon, Mo., and when the freight arrived there, Harry was on the job, and within a few moments Baxter was surrounded and placed under arrest. Buford then proceeded to Omaha with his prisoner.

Williams may not be brought to trial for some years yet, however, on the charge of various crimes committed here. He escaped from the Nebraska penitentiary some months ago after having served some time for the fatal wounding of an Omaha druggist in a holdup staged in 1912. He will probably be returned to Lincoln at once.

Buford is the recipient of the hear-

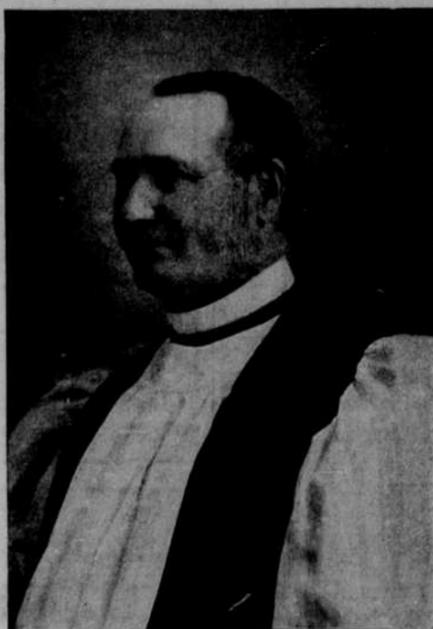
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## Think On These Things

True worth is in being, not seeming—

In doing each day that goes by  
Some little good, not in dreaming  
Of great things to do by and by;  
For whatever men say in their blindness,

In spite of the fancies of youth,  
There is nothing so kingly as kindness,  
And nothing so royal as truth.



THE RT. REV. LEIGH R. BREWER, D. D.  
Bishop of Montana and Primus of the Province of the Northwest, Who is Presiding at Synod of Episcopal Church.

## Negroes Start Movement For Reserve Force For U.S.

New York, Oct. 29.—A national movement to enlist Negroes of the United States in a reserve force for use in war time was launched here today when the Knights of the Constitution were organized, with Derby D. Shirley of this city as president. The first step was taken a few days ago when resolutions were adopted declaring that the lessons of history and trend of human events indicates that there is a possibility that the United States will be involved in war at no distant date."

Organizers of the movement who assert that the Negroes fought valiantly in previous wars say that steps had been taken to organize camps in all states. They hope that 75,000 Negroes in New York state will join the movement.

## Race Contractors Are Making Good

Camden, S. C., Oct. 29.—R. D. Belton & Son, contractors and builders, have just completed the erection of the Carnegie library building in this city.

## Colored Lawyers In W. Va. Supreme Court

Charleston, W. Va., Oct. 22.—For the first time in the history of the West Virginia supreme court of appeals, a case was recently argued for submission in which the arguments on each side were made by colored attorneys. The case was that of William Chambers against the Great State Counsel, brought up from Fayette county.

J. M. Ellis of Oak Hill, a former member of the legislature, represented one side and T. L. Sweeney, of Fayetteville, appeared for the defendant in error, the plaintiff in the original suit.

## Petition Governor To Prohibit Improper Plays

Lansing, Mich., Oct. 22.—A committee representing the local Civic league held audience with Gov. Woodbridge N. Ferris Tuesday, Oct. 5. Object, to prevent plays or shows of an objectionable or pernicious nature from exhibiting in the state of Michigan. The committee consisted of Mr. Charles A. Campbell, president; the Rev. J. W. Jarvis, D. D., and the Rev. James A. Bell.

## Second Annual Synod Province of Northwest

Meeting in Omaha This Week Brings Together Large Number of Prominent Episcopalians.

IMPRESSIVE OPENING SERVICE

Imposing Procession of Bishops and Priests—Members of Black, Red and White Races in Line.

The Episcopal church in the United States has as its supreme legislative body the general convention, composed of two houses, the house of bishops and the house of deputies. The latter house consists of four clerical and four lay delegates from a diocese and one clerical and one lay deputy from each missionary district. This body meets once in every three years. It is a national body. But in addition to this national triennial meeting there are annual meetings of delegates from the various provinces, of which there are eight, into which adjacent dioceses and missionary districts are grouped. These annual meetings are called provincial synods. Nebraska, the Dakotas, Iowa, Minnesota, Colorado and Wyoming constitute one of these groups, which is known as the Province of the Northwest.

The second annual synod of this province is meeting this week in Omaha and has brought together a large number of prominent Episcopalians. It opened Thursday morning with a most impressive service in Trinity cathedral, that of the holy communion with the Rt. Rev. Leigh R. Brewer, Bishop of Montana and primus or president, celebrant, assisted by the Rt. Rev. Arthur L. Williams, Bishop of Nebraska, and the Rt. Rev. James D. Morrison, Bishop of Duluth. The preacher was the Rt. Rev. Benjamin Brewster, Bishop of Western Colorado.

The service was preceded by an imposing procession of the vested choir, clergy and bishops into the church, the bishops being ten in number, besides about sixty clergy. With their various colored academic hoods, the long procession of clergy made a very impressive sight. A fact that was noted by several was that in the line were priests of the three races, the black, the red and the white.

Bishop Brewster's sermon was a strong plea for more self-sacrifice in the church and more efficient and consistent personal service.

The synod devoted its time to the consideration of such topics as "Religious Education," under the sub-topics, "How to Reach Parents," "What Can Be Done in Schools and Colleges" and "The Church's Responsibility: Social Service and Church Extension." Saturday night's program includes a mass meeting at 8 o'clock at which addresses on "Religious Education" and "The Nation-

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